

## **Request for Public Comment**

### **Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide: Inpatient Hospital Quality Measures**

The Maryland Health Care Commission proposes to add the following inpatient quality measures to the Hospital Performance Evaluation System during 2009-2010:

#### **• AMI Measures**

AMI-8	Median Time to Primary PCI
AMI-8a	Percent of Heart Attack Patients Given PCI within 90 minutes of Arrival

For discharges effective January 1, 2010, the Commission will require the collection of AMI 8 and AMI 8a. The Commission will publicly report data for AMI 8a in the Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide effective October 2010.

#### **• Pneumonia Measure**

PN-7	Percent Pneumonia Patients Assessed and Given Influenza Vaccination (Reported by Flu Season ONLY)
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For discharges effective October 1, 2009, the Commission will require the collection of PN-7. The Commission will begin to calculate the measure for the 2009/2010 flu season (4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2009 and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010) and publicly report data for this measure in the Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide effective October 2010.

Comments on the proposed Pneumonia measure should be submitted no later than September 11, 2009. Comments on the AMI measures should be submitted not later than Friday October 2, 2009. Comments should be directed to Theresa Lee, Chief, Hospital Quality Initiatives, Center for Hospital Services, Maryland Health Care Commission, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; [tlee@mhcc.state.md.us](mailto:tlee@mhcc.state.md.us).